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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Region One, has completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Rails to Trails of Northwest Montana project. The purpose of the project is to replace nine culverts in the Ashley Creek tributaries located at the abandoned railroad grade west of Kalispell near the town of Kila to improve public access to trails.

There were no changes to the draft EA; therefore, the draft becomes the final EA. A copy of the Decision Document is enclosed for your information.

Sincerely,

Daniel P. Vincent
Regional Supervisor

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Enclosure

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**DECISION NOTICE
FOR
RAILS TO TRAILS
CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

August 20, 2001

Project proposal:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposes to:

Issue a 124 permit for reinstallation of nine culverts in the Ashley Creek tributaries west of Kalispell near Kila, Montana.

Environmental Impacts of Project:

The environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed project found no potentially significant impacts.

Public Involvement:

During the 30-day comment period, we received no comments.

Decision Notice:

Due to the lack of significant impacts of the proposed project, I recommend that we issue the 124 permit.

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Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Region One

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Date